
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION A-1 (Holand and Leier)

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMITTEE STUDY OF WELFARE PROGRAMS

A concurrent resolution authorizing and directing the legislative research committee to conduct a comparative study of the old age assistance and aid to dependent children programs in the state of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, no detailed study and analysis of the old age assistance and aid to dependent children programs in North Dakota has been made in recent years by the legislative assembly; and

WHEREAS, it appears desirable that these programs be re-evaluated in the light of existing conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the legislative research committee is hereby authorized and directed to supervise and conduct a detailed comparative study and analysis of old age assistance in the state of North Dakota, including but not limited to an analysis of per capita cost, average payments, basis of payments, cost to state and county of any increased benefits, equitable reappportionment of costs between county and state; and a parallel study of the aid to dependent children program; such studies shall include a survey of county and state welfare boards to determine their views as to existing deficiencies, if any, in either program; and the legislative research committee shall make its report and recommendations to the Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly in such form as it may deem expedient.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the state public welfare department shall provide such assistance and make available such data as the legislative research committee may deem necessary in making these studies.

Filed March 9, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "B"
(Legislative Research Committee)

**RESALE OF SURPLUS LANDS; REQUEST FOR
LEGISLATION BY CONGRESS**

A concurrent resolution memorializing congress to authorize the bureau of reclamation and the army corps of engineers to resell surplus lands above the normal pool level of water impoundments in North Dakota to the original land owners.

WHEREAS, the bureau of reclamation of the department of interior and the army corps of engineers have acquired a substantial amount of land in fee along the Heart Butte reservoir and the Garrison Dam reservoir in the state of North Dakota, which is above the normal pool level of such impoundments; and

WHEREAS, the above federal agencies have no need for any interest in such lands except to protect such agencies from damage in extremely unusual years when the water level of these impoundments rises above the normal pool level; and

WHEREAS, it appears that a flowage easement running to such agencies would adequately protect their interests; and

WHEREAS, the great majority of the former land owners who sold such lands to the federal agencies involved through condemnation proceedings or threat thereof desire to reacquire such surplus lands above the normal pool level of the above impoundments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN: that the United States Congress is hereby requested to pass suitable enabling legislation to authorize the bureau of reclamation of the department of interior and the army corps of engineers to resell such lands to the former landowners upon similar terms as those under which the lands were acquired subject to a flowage easement to the federal agencies involved, and that copies of this concurrent resolution be forwarded to all members of congress from the state of North Dakota by the secretary of the senate.

Filed March 9, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION B-1
(Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs)

VETERANS HOSPITALS TO REMAIN OPEN

A concurrent resolution relating to the recommendations of the Hoover Commission for the closing of the Minot and Fargo veterans hospitals.

WHEREAS, a recent report of the Hoover commission after a study of the veterans administration has recommended that the veterans hospitals at Fargo and Minot be closed; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the report of the Hoover commission would mean that veterans of the state of North Dakota would have to travel for medical treatment between 250 and 650 miles to Minneapolis where the nearest veterans hospital would be located; and

WHEREAS, such action would result in unfair discrimination and hardship to the veterans of the state of North Dakota who are in need of medical treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN: That the President and Congress of the United States are hereby urged and requested to allow the veterans hospitals in the cities of Fargo and Minot in the state of North Dakota to remain open in order to provide adequate and accessible medical treatment to the veterans of this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the secretary of the senate to the President of the United States, the chairmen of the house and senate military affairs committees of the United States Congress, the commissioner of veterans affairs, and to all members of the North Dakota congressional delegation.

Filed March 5, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "C"
(Legislative Research Committee)

GARRISON RECREATION AREAS

A concurrent resolution requesting the army corps of engineers to provide for the development of recreational areas along the Garrison Dam reservoir and authorizing the state historical society to explore avenues of cooperation in the management and maintenance of such areas.

WHEREAS, the Garrison Dam reservoir when filled to the normal operating level will be the largest body of water in the state of North Dakota and the only body of water in western North Dakota with shore areas suitable for the development of substantial recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, the people of the state of North Dakota desire to obtain the fullest use of the recreational opportunities resulting from the impoundment of the waters in the Garrison Dam reservoir;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, that the army corps of engineers is hereby urged and requested to provide for the full development of the desired recreational opportunities afforded in the area, and that the state historical society is hereby authorized to explore avenues of cooperation in the selection, management, and maintenance of such areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this concurrent resolution be forwarded to the district engineer of the army corps of engineers by the secretary of the senate with the request that the resolution be further forwarded through channels to the proper person in authority within the army corps of engineers, and that copies also be sent to the North Dakota congressional delegation.

Filed March 9, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION C-1
(Judiciary Committee)

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMITTEE REVISION OF
CORPORATION LAWS

A concurrent resolution authorizing and directing the legislative research committee, in cooperation with the state bar association and the cooperative corporations of this state, to study and revise the laws of this state governing business corporations and cooperative corporations or associations.

WHEREAS, a new model business corporation Act has been introduced at this session of the legislature, but action upon such bill has been indefinitely postponed upon the grounds that it did not fully adapt the model Act to the needs and desires of North Dakota corporations or fully correlate the proposed Act with other laws of this state; and

WHEREAS, the corporation laws governing business corporations have grown obsolete and are in need of revision; and

WHEREAS, representatives of cooperative corporations of this state have requested that the laws governing the cooperative corporations be consolidated and revised to meet the present needs of such corporations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the legislative research committee is hereby authorized and directed to study and revise the laws of this state governing business corporations and to submit suitable legislation to the Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly to accomplish this revision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative research committee is hereby authorized and directed to study and revise the laws of this state governing cooperative corporations and to submit suitable legislation to the Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly to accomplish this revision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accomplishing such revision and correlation, the legislative research committee shall call upon the state bar association and such representatives of cooperative corporations or associations as may desire to participate, for advice, consultation and assistance in the course of its work and study.

Filed March 5, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "D"
(Hagen, Solberg, Schoeder, Berube, Dewing, Fraser, Knudson)

**SUSPENSION OF ACREAGE CONTROLS ON DURUM WHEAT
DURING 1955**

A concurrent resolution requesting the secretary of agriculture of the United States to suspend acreage controls on durum wheat during 1955.

WHEREAS, North Dakota produces approximately eighty-five percent of all durum wheat grown in the United States, and the legislature of the state of North Dakota is vitally interested in the production of this crop, and

WHEREAS, approximately eighty-five percent of the durum crop planted in North Dakota during the 1954 crop season was lost due to rust, making the year 1954 the third consecutive year in which the production of durum wheat was far below normal and below the needs of the United States, and

WHEREAS, because durum wheat is far superior to other grain in the manufacture of macaroni products, the shortage of durum wheat has handicapped the entire macaroni industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN: that the secretary of agriculture of the United States is hereby urged and requested to suspend acreage controls upon the planting and raising of durum wheat during the year 1955, and that permission be granted to plant and raise durum wheat upon any acreage displaced from production by acreage controls upon other grain, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the senate forward copies of this resolution to the secretary of agriculture of the United States, to the North Dakota congressional delegation, and to the chairman of the respective committees on agriculture of the United States senate and house of representatives.

Filed January 25, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION D-1
(Judiciary Committee)

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BUREAU INVESTIGATION

A concurrent resolution creating an interim committee of five members to supervise an investigation of the workmen's compensation bureau and its operation.

WHEREAS, it appears that there may be rules and practices adopted by the workmen's compensation bureau which work hardship on certain groups and classifications as far as rates are concerned;

WHEREAS, there is the possibility that more harmonious and efficient operation of the bureau's business might result through a reorganization of the practices and procedures; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable to examine the system of handling claims in order to consider the possibility of making the same more efficient.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN; that there is hereby created an interim committee of five members, two to be selected by the senate, two to be selected by the house of representatives, the fifth to be the speaker of the house of representatives, which committee shall supervise a complete study of the workmen's compensation bureau and all of its operation and business and report thereon in detail to the Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said committee shall nominate an assistant attorney general, who shall be appointed by the attorney general to serve on his staff under the direction of said committee and that the attorney general shall supply such clerical help as may be required by the committee.

Filed March 8, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "F"
(Kamrath, Bilden, Wog and Foss)

SENATOR EDMUND C. STUCKE; FUNERAL EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the Honorable Edmund C. Stucke, a member of this body from the forty-sixth legislative district, who has served in the senate with honor and distinction since 1931, passed away on January 12, 1955;

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the senate of the state of North Dakota, the house of representatives concurring therein, that we hereby authorize the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars to be used for the purpose of paying the funeral expenses of Senator Edmund C. Stucke, including the transportation charges of the remains to Garrison, North Dakota. Said sum shall be chargeable and payable as legislative expense.

Filed March 1, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "G"
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JOINT SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

A senate concurrent resolution inviting the governor and members of the South Dakota legislative assembly to meet with similar representatives of the state of North Dakota to explore possibilities of cooperation in the training of the blind.

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota is presently faced with the immediate problem of providing new facilities for a school for the blind; and

WHEREAS, the state of South Dakota is also concerned with providing similar facilities in that state; and

WHEREAS, members of the legislative assemblies of both states have expressed an interest in exploring the possibilities of cooperation between the states of South Dakota and North Dakota in providing facilities for the training of the blind;

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, that an invitation is hereby extended to the governor and members of the legislative assembly of the state of South Dakota, to meet, at their earliest convenience, with similar representatives of the state of North Dakota for the purpose of exploring avenues of cooperation between the two states in providing facilities for the training of the blind.

Filed January 25, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "H"
(Solberg, Hagen, Rue, Berube, Fraser, Olson, Foss)
(Meidinger, Livingston)

NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION

A concurrent resolution urging that steps be taken to make available natural gas to the people of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, approximately 20,000,000 cubic feet of gas is being flared daily in the Beaver Lodge and Tioga oil fields of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, such gas should be made available to the people of this state instead of being wasted; and

WHEREAS, this economic waste has already continued too long;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

1. That the operators in the fields be urged to make such gas available to people and communities of North Dakota at competitive prices;

2. That the utilities now serving the state and those proposing to serve the state be urged to take such effective action, either jointly or singly, as will bring such gas to the consuming public for space heating; and

3. That the public service commission of North Dakota be urged to give priority in hearing and sympathetic consideration of any application coming before it in regard to the distribution and sale of North Dakota natural gas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Amerada Petroleum Corporation, at Williston, North Dakota, and Tulsa, Oklahoma, and to Hunt Oil Company at Williston, North Dakota, and to the public service commission at Bismarck, North Dakota.

Filed March 9, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "I"
(Meidinger)

MILK VENDING MACHINE IN THE CAPITOL

WHEREAS, it is to the interest of the dairy farmers and industry of North Dakota to encourage the consumption of milk; and

WHEREAS, the increased consumption of milk will promote the public health;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the board of administration be and it is hereby authorized and directed to provide facilities for the installation in the capitol building of a sanitary milk dispenser or vending machine.

Filed February 8, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "J"
(Duffy, Rue, Solberg, and Torno)

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE A. M. CHRISTIANSON

A concurrent resolution expressing the thanks of the members of the legislature of the state of North Dakota, as well as that of all the citizens of the state to a true servant of all the people of the state, and changing the name of the Burlington Project to the "Judge A. M. Christianson Project", in tribute thereto.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst, A. M. Christianson, a judge, a man, and a friend, who, during all of his adult life has labored long and conscientiously for the benefit of not only the citizens of the state of North Dakota, but of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, his services, his efforts, and his wise judgment have long been recognized and appreciated by his fellow attorneys, judges, and other citizens both in and out of public office; and

WHEREAS, Judge A. M. Christianson's influence and service was particularly effective in procuring the transfer of the "Burlington Project" located near Burlington, to the state of North Dakota for the rehabilitation of partially disabled veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN: That we, at this time, express our heartfelt thanks, appreciation, and gratitude to Judge A. M. Christianson for his undying devotion and service to the people of this state and of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in honor of the memory of this great servant of the state of North Dakota, and particularly in memory of his sterling efforts and services in promoting and developing rural rehabilitation, and the rehabilitation of disabled veterans of the United States and their dependents on the "Burlington Project", that, therefore, this project shall henceforth be known and called the "Judge A. M. Christianson Project".

Filed March 3, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "L"
(Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs)

AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

A concurrent resolution designating United States highway No. 281 through the state of North Dakota as "American Legion Memorial Highway".

WHEREAS, the United States highway No. 281 extends from the Mexican border to the Canadian border, across the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota and is situated along the geographical center of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the states of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas have designated said highway through such states as the "American Legion Memorial Highway"; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion, department of North Dakota, at its 36th annual convention at Grand Forks, North Dakota on June 21-22, 1954 passed a resolution requesting that United States highway No. 281 through the state of North Dakota be designated as the "American Legion Memorial Highway";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That in honor of the American Legion, department of North Dakota, and its members, United States highway No. 281 through the state of North Dakota is hereby designated as

the "American Legion Memorial Highway", and the state highway department is directed to erect suitable signs or markers to properly identify its route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That properly authenticated copies of this resolution be transmitted by the secretary of state to the governor, the state highway commissioner, the United States bureau of public roads, and the American Legion, department of North Dakota.

Filed February 23, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "N"
(Holand, Leier and Baeverstad)

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMITTEE TON MILE TAX STUDY

A concurrent resolution directing the legislative research committee to study the feasibility of a ton mile tax.

WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced in the Thirty-fourth Legislative Assembly calling for the imposition of a ton mile tax upon certain types of motor vehicles and carriers operating within the state of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, many arguments have been voiced, both pro and con, as to the highway revenue that such a tax would yield, as to the equities or fairness of the tax, and as to the practicalities of its administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the legislative research committee is hereby authorized and directed to study all aspects of the ton mile tax with special emphasis upon the possible yield of such a tax, the equities of the tax, and upon the practical problems involved in its administration, in conjunction with adjoining states and to submit its report and recommendations to the Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly in such form as it may deem proper and expedient.

Filed February 23, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "O"
(Duffy and Streibel)

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMITTEE STUDY OF
MENTAL HEALTH LAWS

A concurrent resolution authorizing and directing the legislative research committee to conduct a study of mental health problems in the state, with a view to introducing appropriate legislation.

WHEREAS, present state laws in the field of mental health have been reported as being inequitable, inefficient, and administratively burdensome; and

WHEREAS, the superintendent and staff of the state hospital at Jamestown, North Dakota have requested a general revision of our mental health laws in keeping with modern trends and scientific knowledge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN: That the legislative research committee is authorized and directed to conduct a comprehensive study and analysis of mental health laws of this state, with a view to possible introduction of a bill for a single Mental Health Act for consideration by the Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly.

Filed March 1, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "Q"
(Freed and Davis)

VETERANS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS DEATH PENSION
LEGISLATION

A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation granting death pensions to surviving widows and orphans of deceased World War II and Korean Conflict veterans, the same as death pensions granted to surviving World War I widows and orphans.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has passed legislation granting death pensions to surviving widows and orphans of deceased veterans of World War I who had ninety days or more of active military service in the armed forces of the United States or who were discharged for disability incurred in active military service in less than ninety days, we believe the same legislation should be passed giving the surviving widows and orphans of deceased World War II and Korean Conflict veterans the same death pensions as are

granted to surviving widows and orphans of World War I due to the fact that the surviving widows of World War II and the Korean Conflict deceased veterans have young children and are very much in need of assistance in caring for their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN: That the Congress of the United States be memorialized to enact necessary legislation granting to the surviving widows and orphans of deceased World War II and Korean Conflict veterans the same death pensions as are granted to the surviving widows and orphans of World War I deceased veterans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state be, and he is hereby instructed to send copies of this resolution properly authenticated to the presiding officer of each house of the national Congress of the United States, and to each of the United States senators and representatives from the state of North Dakota.

Filed March 5, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "S"
(Committee on Transportation)

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION INVESTIGATION OF
WARNING LAMPS ON TRAINS

A concurrent resolution urging the interstate commerce commission to investigate the use of lamps or reflectors as warning devices on railroad cars.

WHEREAS, it appears that there have been several serious accidents within the state of North Dakota resulting in loss of life and heavy property damage, which accidents were occasioned by motor vehicles running into the side of railroad cars during the nighttime; and

WHEREAS, proposals have been made that all railroad cars and locomotives should be equipped with reflectors so that such cars and locomotives can be seen from either side or the front or rear for a distance of at least five hundred feet during the nighttime;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That this legislative assembly urge the interstate commerce

commission to conduct an investigation into the matter for the purpose of providing universal safety at all railroad crossings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of public safety within the state of North Dakota cooperate with such commission in the matter of motor vehicle safety at such crossings, as is more fully provided in chapter 184 of the 1953 Session Laws of the state of North Dakota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution, properly authenticated, be sent by the secretary of state to the interstate commerce commission.

Filed March 9, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "V"
(Hagen, Hernet, Davis, Dewing, Day and Page)

DISCRIMINATION IN ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS FOR
HARD SPRING WHEAT

A concurrent resolution memorializing Congress, the president, and the secretary of agriculture to take appropriate steps to correct unwarranted and unfair discrimination in respect to acreage allotments for hard spring wheat farmers in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, there has never been and there is not now a surplus or over-supply of hard spring wheat; and

WHEREAS, the allotment of hard spring wheat acreage throughout the state of North Dakota is so low in many instances that many farmers can not operate their farms successfully and produce sufficient agricultural products and livestock to provide a livelihood for themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, there is unquestionably an unfair discrimination against the small hard spring wheat farmers in North Dakota as compared with soft wheat farmers in other states;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That Congress, the president of the United States, and the secretary of agriculture are hereby urged and requested to take all necessary and appropriate steps to provide a premium on milling grades of hard spring wheat and to allocate as a minimum to any operator who has raised one hundred acres or more of hard wheat during the past five years, an acreage equal to the maximum acreage of such operator, but in no event should such allocation if under one hundred acres ever be reduced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of state is hereby directed to forward properly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States; to the presiding officers of the United States senate and house of representatives; to the secretary of agriculture; and to each of the senators and representatives of the state of North Dakota in Congress.

Filed March 9, 1955.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION "X"
(Krenz, Luick and Dolan)

AGRICULTURAL PILOT RATING

A concurrent resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation which would create an agricultural rating for pilots engaged in the aerial application of agricultural chemicals.

WHEREAS, the need for pilots and airplanes for aerial application of agricultural chemicals in the state of North Dakota and many other midwest farm states is increasing more rapidly than the available commercially licensed pilots; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota during the year of 1954, over two hundred airplanes and pilots were licensed by the state aeronautics commission to engage in aerial crop spraying and dusting, and as newer chemicals are developed for the control of insects and plant diseases, the needs of the farmers of this state may require as many as three or four hundred agricultural planes and pilots; and

WHEREAS, in the state of North Dakota and other agricultural states there is a large reserve of privately licensed pilots and flying farmers, some of whom could qualify for a federal agricultural rating, if the rating were based on flying ability, flight hours and knowledge of agricultural chemicals, which would greatly relieve the present and future shortage of pilots qualified to engage in agricultural flying;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Congress of the United States is hereby memorialized and respectfully petitioned to enact such legislation as may be necessary to create an agricultural pilot rating for aerial crop spraying and dusting activities in the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, properly authenticated, be sent by the secretary of state to the civil aeronautics administration, Washington, D.C.; to the chairmen of the house and senate interstate and foreign commerce committees of the Congress of the United States; and to each member of the North Dakota congressional delegation.

Filed March 9, 1955.